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Credit Union Impact Foundation Announces 2026 Recipients of the Kelsie Davis Memorial Leadership Journey Scholarship

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Today, The Credit Union Impact Foundation, the charitable arm of The League of Credit Unions & Affiliates, announced five recipients of the 2026 Kelsie Davis Memorial Leadership Journey Scholarship, a multi-year professional development program designed to support emerging leaders within the credit union movement.

Established in honor of Kelsie Davis, a respected credit union leader known for her compassion, mentorship, and commitment to “People Helping People,” the scholarship was created to invest in individuals who demonstrate leadership potential, service to their communities, and a dedication to the cooperative philosophy.

The 2026 scholarship recipients are:

- Sache’ Rodriguez, GeoVista Credit Union
- Ashleigh Ash, Family Savings Credit Union
- Stacie Kanellopoulos, Trax Federal Credit Union

- Elly Arnold, AmFirst Federal Credit Union
- Nikita Mathews, AmFirst Federal Credit Union

Each recipient was selected through a competitive process that considered leadership growth, professional impact, and a clear commitment to the future of the credit union industry.

“This scholarship represents more than professional development, it reflects Kelsie’s belief in lifting others up and preparing the next generation of leaders,” said Bobbi Grady, Executive Director of the Credit Union Impact Foundation. “These recipients embody the values Kelsie lived by, and we are proud to support their continued leadership journeys.”

The Kelsie Davis Memorial Leadership Journey Scholarship provides registration funding for a two-year leadership development path. During the first year, recipients will attend [EMERGE](#) and [Leadership College](#), followed by [Executive Institute](#) in year two. This long-term investment is designed to equip emerging professionals with the skills, perspective, and network needed to grow into Vice President and C-Suite roles within the industry.

Through this scholarship, the Credit Union Impact Foundation continues its commitment to strengthening credit unions by investing in people, ensuring the industry remains resilient, value-driven, and prepared for the future.

For more information about the Credit Union Impact Foundation and its leadership development initiatives, visit the [Credit Union Impact Foundation website](#).

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About The Credit Union Impact Foundation

The Credit Union Impact Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to enriching credit unions and the lives of their members. Recognized as the philanthropic partner for all credit unions, the foundation focuses on disaster resilience, professional development, community impact, and credit union growth. Through meaningful initiatives and collaborative support, the Credit Union Impact Foundation enables credit unions to thrive, strengthen their communities, and create lasting positive change. Learn more about our initiatives here.

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